Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 23 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 24 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 23 Oct 2021 at 04:13 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for change to milder conditions over the weekend but it will be windy. Also high confidence for rain later on Saturday then blustery showers on Sunday.

Headline for Saturday 23 Oct 2021: Mostly dry morning, bright spells. Becoming cloudy in afternoon with rain, mainly over western ranges. Very windy over higher ridges, summits and feeling bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 23 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	20%	30%	40%	50%

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Weather: Dry with clear periods overnight then some sunshine during the morning. Becoming cloudy in the afternoon with rain affecting hills near to west coast, becoming persistent and heavier by evening, edging further eastwards.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% reducing 20% by early evening.

Visibility: Mostly good in the morning with occasional cloud cover about 700 to 800m. Turning misty during afternoon in west of area and poor visibility as rain becomes heavier. Also extensive clouds in the west coming well down the hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	51/60 S	50/58 S	46/59 S	46/61 S	42/56 S	37/51 S	32/43 S
900	48/56 S	44/53 S	42/55 S	43/58 S	39/53 S	35/48 S	30/41 S
600	32/40 S	28/37 S	29/43 S	31/46 S	27/42 S	24/38 S	21/33 S
300	5/31 S	6/34 S	12/41 S	14/44 S	12/40 S	12/37 S	11/32 S
Glen	9/25 S	16/35 S	19/39 S	19/40 S	19/40 S	17/35 S	14/30 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-7	3/-6	4/-4	5/-3	5/-2	6/-0	6/0
900	3/-6	3/-4	5/-2	5/-1	6/-1	6/1	6/1
600	5/-1	6/-0	7/2	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/4
300	8/6	8/7	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/7	10/8
Glen	10/8	10/7	11/8	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/10
Freezing Level*	1700m	2400m	2500m	2300m	2400m	2200m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult walking conditions in the very strong winds over higher ridges and summits. Also feeling bitterly cold.

Forecast for Sunday 24 Oct 2021
Weather: Bright spells and blustery showers during the day. The showers will be most frequent and heavy at times over Knoydart, Skye and Torridon. Fewer showers with more in the way of sunshine further east towards Ben Wyvis and the Caithness hills.

Maximum wind: Another windy day with southwesterly gales. Average speeds on higher ridges/summits of 40mph with gusts 50 to 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, best in east of area.

Visibility: Good between the showers with broken cloud cover about 600 to 700m. Brief deteriorations to poor visibility as showers pass.

Temperature: **Glens:** 7 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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